

FACT SHEET

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS MORE THAN \$130 MILLION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY, ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND VICTIM SERVICES FOR AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE

A listing of today's CTAS awards is available at www.justice.gov/tribal/awards. Additional tribal grant awards announced by the Office on Violence Against Women is available at: www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1000416/download

\$101 Million Awarded Under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

More than [\\$101 million was awarded](#) to 125 American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, tribal consortia and tribal designees through the Department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), a streamlined application for tribal-specific grant programs. Of the \$101 million, \$47.6 million was awarded from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), \$34.1 million from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and \$19.4 million from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Grants awarded through the CTAS application process are designed to enhance law enforcement practices, expand victim services and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts. Awards cover nine purpose areas: public safety and community policing; justice systems planning; alcohol and substance abuse; corrections and correctional alternatives; children's justice act partnerships; services for victims of crime; violence against women; juvenile justice; and tribal youth programs.

\$56.3 Million Awarded to Respond to Violence Against Women

Today the Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) awarded [101 grants totaling \\$56.3 million](#) to tribal governments and nonprofit entities to help respond to the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking in Indian country.

Of the \$56.3 million, \$34.1 was awarded through the CTAS application process as noted above and \$22.1 million was awarded through other OVW grant programs and special initiatives.

Although violence is declining in most communities across the country, the rate of violence in Indian country remains extremely high. "A number of studies have identified the high rates of sexual violence Native women and girls experience and the barriers that prevent law enforcement agencies and victim service providers from identifying and responding appropriately to Native victims. These grants will help address those problems," said Nadine M. Neufville, Acting Director of OVW.

OVW manages several programs and special initiatives for tribes and made awards in each of three overarching categories:

1. OVW Tribal Affairs Division Grant Programs

- **Grants to Tribal Governments (which is awarded through CTAS).** OVW administers its Grants to Tribal Governments Program as part of the Department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation making funding available to 1) decrease the number of violent crimes committed against Indian women, 2) help tribes exercise their sovereign right to respond to crimes of violence against Indian women, 3) ensure that offenders are held responsible for their actions, and 4) enhance services to victims.

In fiscal year 2017, OVW's Tribal Governments Program grants totaled \$34.1 million to 51 grantees through the CTAS application process. The list of awardees can be found along with other CTAS awardees at [INSERT URL](#).

- **Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction:** Seven grants totaling \$3,465,000 are awarded to tribes to support their exercise of the special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction over certain defendants, regardless of their Indian or non-Indian status, who commit crimes of domestic or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country. Awardees: Gila River Indian Community, Arizona (\$495,000); Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians, California (\$495,000); Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, Iowa (\$495,000); Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, North Carolina (\$495,000); Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, North Dakota (\$495,000); Comanche Nation, Oklahoma (\$495,000); Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Washington (\$495,000).

- **Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions:** Under this grant program, 18 tribal coalitions receive \$5.7 million to develop and operate programs that educate, support, and provide technical assistance to member Indian service providers and tribes to enhance their response to victims of domestic and sexual violence, including sex trafficking. Awardees: American Indians Against Abuse, Inc., Wisconsin (\$318,008); Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, New Mexico (\$318,008); Dawn Stover, Oklahoma (\$318,008); First Nations Women's Alliance, North Dakota (\$318,008); Healing Native Hearts Coalition (\$318,008); Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse, Arizona (\$318,008); Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Minnesota (\$318,008); Native Women's Society of the Great Plains Reclaiming Our Sacredness, South Dakota (\$318,008); Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc., Utah (\$318,008); Seven Dancers Coalition, Inc., New York (\$318,008); Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, Arizona (\$318,008); Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc. California (\$318,008); The Yup'ik Women's Coalition, Alaska (\$318,008); United Three Fires Against Violence, Michigan (\$318,008); Wabanaki Women's Coalition, Inc., Maine (\$318,008); Washington State Native American Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Washington (\$318,008); Montana Native Women's Coalition, Montana (\$318,008); Mending the Sacred Hoop, Minnesota (\$298,564)

- **Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program:** Nine grants totaling \$3,468,000 are awarded to provide sexual assault services to victims of sexual assault and their families. The victim services include intervention, advocacy, and related assistance. Awardees: Pribilof Islands Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, Alaska (\$345,000); Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc., California (\$526,500); Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Kansas (\$345,000); Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota (\$345,000); Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indians, Nevada (\$345,000); Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Oklahoma (\$526,500); Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Oklahoma (\$345,000); The Osage Nation, Oklahoma (\$345,000); Wise Women Gathering Place, Wisconsin (\$345,000),

2. OVW Special Initiatives for Tribes

- **Tribal Technical Assistance Outreach Initiative:** One award of \$700,000 is awarded to the Tribal Law and Policy Institute to strengthen Indians tribes' capacity to address violence against women through coordinated community responses, professional training, sustainable housing and emergency shelter, and to provide culturally specific strategies tailored to the unique needs of Alaska Native communities.

- **National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault:** One grant totaling \$500,000 is awarded to Southwest Center for Law and Policy to operate a centralized repository of information for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, healthcare professionals, victim advocates, and others. It will facilitate sexual assault community assessments and provide on-site training and technical assistance to tribal governments.

- **Technical Assistance:** Five grants totaling \$2,850,000 to provide training, expertise and problem solving strategies to meet the challenges of violence against women in Indian country. Awardees: Mending the Sacred Hoop, Minnesota (\$1,400,000); Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Minnesota (\$200,000); two grants to Red Wind Consulting, Inc., Colorado (\$300,000 for housing and \$450,000 for children and youth).

3. Other OVW Grant Programs with Awards to Tribes

- **Campus Grant Program:** One grant totaling \$300,000 is awarded to Little Big Horn College in Montana to strengthen the school's response to the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on campus.

- **Culturally Specific Program:** One grant totaling \$300,000 is awarded to the Indian Health Council in California to support the development of innovative culturally specific strategies and projects to enhance access to services and resources.

- **Disabilities Program:** One grant totaling \$580,000 to the Alaska Native Justice Center to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

- **Transitional Housing Program:** One grant totaling \$350,000 to Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in Nevada to assist victims who need housing and related supportive services.
- **Legal Assistance to Victims Program:** Three grants totaling \$1,727,415 to strengthen civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising from violence or abuse. Awardees: Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Alaska (\$599,400), Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Washington (\$528,015); Strong Hearted Women's Coalition, Inc., California (\$600,000).
- **Rural Program:** Four grants totaling \$1,608,607 to support projects uniquely designed to address and prevent violence against women in rural areas. Awardees: Alaska Native Justice Center, Alaska (\$500,000); Blackfeet Domestic Violence Program, Montana (\$322,775); Gila River Indian Community, Arizona (\$289,500); Ute Mountain Tribe, Colorado (\$496,332).
- **Underserved Program.** One grant totaling \$325,000 to the Alaska Native Justice Center to develop and implement strategies targeted at youth and adult victims in underserved populations and to provide victim services to meet the needs of such populations.
- **Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men and Boys as Allies Program.** One grant totaling \$349,961 to Tewa Women United in Arizona to support coordinated community responses that help child, youth and young adult victims and engage men as role models in ending violence against women.

Office of Justice Programs Awards \$10.4 Million to Serve Victims, Help Youth and Manage Sex Offenders in Indian Country

In addition to this year's Consolidated Tribal Assistance Solicitation grant awards, more than \$10.3 million was awarded under several Department of Justice grant programs to help American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages improve specific justice, victims services and tribal youth programs, as well as manage sex offenders in Indian Country.

Today's announcement is part of the Justice Department's ongoing initiative to increase engagement, coordination and action on public safety in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Grants announced today include:

- **Developing Future Victim Specialists in Indian Country.** This program is a first-year grant administered by the OJP's Office for Victims of Crime to help cultivate a workforce focused on providing services for American Indian and Alaska Native victims. This is achieved by supporting positions in locations where staff recruitment is difficult. The program aims to identify, train, and connect current post-secondary students studying relevant disciplines with internship opportunities in BIA- or tribally-run victim service programs. By identifying and training prospective victim service professionals in the early stages of their post-secondary education and career, victim service programs will be able to draw from a ready and engaged pool of candidates to fill victim service positions in remote Indian Country and Alaska Native locations.

OVC announced six awards totaling more than \$2.6 million under this program. Awardees include: American Indian Development Associates, LLC, New Mexico (\$450,000); Capacity Builders, Inc., New Mexico (\$448,185); First Nations Women's Alliance, North Dakota (\$439,038); Haskell Indian Nations University, Kansas (\$449,985); Kaw Nation, Oklahoma (\$368,342); and Northern Michigan University, Michigan (\$449,944).

- **Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program.** More than \$6.2 million will be awarded to 23 tribal recipients under OJP's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking's Adam Walsh Act Implementation grant program. These grant awards enable states, the District of Columbia, territories and tribal jurisdictions to develop and enhance programs that implement the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. Funding supports staff, information sharing technology and infrastructure development; law enforcement training and stakeholder collaboration.

Awarded tribes, tribal consortia and native villages under this grant program are: The Havasupai Tribe, Arizona, (\$211,869); The Hopi Tribe, Arizona (\$101,982); Tohono O'dham Nation, Arizona (\$298,077); White Mountain Apache Tribe, Arizona (\$272,286); Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan (\$200,023); Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota (\$400,000); Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Montana (\$300,000); Caddo Nation, Oklahoma (\$200,000); Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma (\$400,000); Seneca Cayuga Nation, Oklahoma (\$198,181); United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (\$91,794); Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, South Dakota (\$300,000); Nooksack Indian Tribe, Washington (\$228,850); Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Washington (\$35,081); Skokomish Indian Tribe, Washington (\$292,711); Colorado River Indian Tribes, Arizona (\$366,799); Crow Tribe, Montana (\$391,301); Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota (\$235,032); Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, North Dakota (\$400,000); Three Affiliated Tribes, North Dakota (\$400,000); Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, Nevada (\$211,258); Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington (\$400,000); and Northern Arapaho Tribe, Wyoming (\$310,110).

- **Tribal Youth Program Training and Technical Assistance Grant.** Finally, another \$1.5 million will be awarded to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center under OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Fiscal Year 2017 Tribal Youth Program Training and Technical Assistance grant. This program provides culturally-sensitive, trauma-informed and developmentally-appropriate training, support, resources, information and related technical assistance to help tribes meet the needs of their youth and enhance their juvenile justice systems.

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About the Office of Justice Programs:

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan R. Hanson, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking. More information about OJP and its components can be found at: www.ojp.gov.

About the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services:

The COPS Office is a federal agency responsible for advancing community policing nationwide. Since 1994, the COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of approximately 129,000 officers and provide a variety of knowledge resource products including publications, training and technical assistance. For additional information about the COPS Office, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov.

About the Office on Violence Against Women:

The Office on Violence Against Women provides leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence through the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation. Created in 1995, OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities across the country that are developing programs, policies and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. In addition to overseeing federal grant programs, OVW undertakes initiatives in response to special needs identified by communities facing acute challenges. Learn more at www.justice.gov/ovw.

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